



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Interim Director of Public Works

At its meeting held August 3, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“On June 3, 2004, a major levee within the Sacramento - San Joaquin River Delta failed, forcing the evacuation of hundreds of people, flooding nearly 36 square miles of agricultural lands, with potential impacts to the drinking water for two-thirds of the State’s residents, including those of us in Los Angeles County. This failure caused Governor Schwarzenegger to declare a State of Emergency, and State and Federal water officials began coordinating efforts to ensure protection of our water supply.

“The Delta is a significant source of our current and future imported water supply. We have heard past warnings from our State lawmakers and water officials about the fragile nature of the levee systems within the Delta and their importance as the hub of the State’s water system. President Bush also recently declared it a Federal Disaster. We must recognize the importance of this source of water to our economic prosperity and the quality of life enjoyed by our citizens.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried (Supervisor Yaroslavsky being absent), the Interim Director of Public Works was directed to review implications of the June 3, 2004 levee failure within the Sacramento - San Joaquin River Delta on the reliability and safety to the water supply of the County's residents, and to report back to the Board within 30 days.

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